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To: South East Anglia Link
Subject: Strong Objection to the Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for a Development Consent Order (DCO) – South East Anglia Link (Sea Link) Project (Reference: EN020026)
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To: The Rt Hon Miatta Fanbulleh MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to express my formal and unequivocal opposition to the Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for the South East Anglia Link (Sea Link) Project. I strongly urge you to reject this onshore proposal and mandate a comprehensive offshore grid solution instead.

The proposed onshore infrastructure poses severe threats to the local community, environment, and economy on the following grounds:

- **Destruction of Precious Wild Habitats & SSSI Protection:** The affected area in Suffolk is home to irreplaceable wild habitats and encompasses a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The scale of the proposed converter stations, trenches, and substation expansions will cause irreversible ecological devastation to these protected landscapes.
- **Long-Term Industrial Blight:** This beautiful region faces being blighted for many years to come by massive industrial infrastructure, including cable corridors and towering structures. This is entirely inappropriate for a rural landscape valued for its natural heritage.
- **Severe Traffic Impacts and Economic Harm to Tourism:** The construction phase will bring an influx of heavy goods vehicles and lorries onto local roads for several years. This prolonged traffic congestion will gridlock our communities and severely deter visitors, dealing a devastating blow to Suffolk's

vital tourism and hospitality sector.

- **Over-Saturation of Infrastructure Projects:** There are far too many major energy projects being concentrated within this single, small geographic area. The cumulative impact of these overlapping projects places an unfair and unsustainable burden on Suffolk.

The Solution: An Integrated Offshore Grid

Instead of destroying pristine countryside, the government must adopt an alternative offshore strategy. Routing these links via subsea cables and utilizing brownfield sites located closer to the major urban populations that actually consume the generated electricity would leave Suffolk's environment intact. Recent warnings from Ofgem and the National Audit Office highlighting the skyrocketing costs of this project further underscore the need to pause and review alternative solutions.

For the sake of our protected environment, local economy, and communities, I urge you to prioritize sustainable, offshore infrastructure and reject the Sea Link DCO application.

Yours sincerely,

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